

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A golf ball comprising a core and a multilayer cover including at least a cover inner layer and a cover outer layer, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said core has a hardness corresponding to a compressive deflection amount of at least 3.5 mm when the load applied thereto is increased from an initial load of 10 kgf to a final load of 130 kgf, said cover outer layer is made of a resin composition having organic short fibers incorporated therein, said resin composition has a melt flow rate of at least 3 as measured according to JIS K7210, said cover outer layer has a Shore D hardness of at least 55 and is harder than said cover inner layer, and said cover outer layer has a gage of up to 1.4 mm, and

wherein the resin composition of which said cover outer layer is made comprises (a) at least one component selected from the group consisting of olefin-unsaturated carboxylic acid copolymers, olefin-unsaturated carboxylic acid-unsaturated carboxylic acid ester copolymers, and metal ion-neutralized products of these copolymers and (b) a binary copolymer consisting of polyolefin and polyamide components in admixture as a resin component.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): The golf ball of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein the polyamide in component (b) is in fiber form.

4. (currently amended): The golf ball of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein a weight ratio of (a)/(b) is between 100/0.1 and 100/50.

5. (currently amended): The golf ball of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein in component (b), a weight ratio of polyolefin/polyamide components is between 25/75 and 95/5.

6. (new): A golf ball comprising a core and a multilayer cover including at least a cover inner layer and a cover outer layer, wherein said core is formed of a rubber composition containing polybutadiene synthesized with a rare-earth catalyst as base rubber, and the core has a hardness corresponding to a compressive deflection amount of at least 3.5 mm when the load applied thereto is increased from an initial load of 10 kgf to a final load of 130 kgf, said cover outer layer is made of a resin composition having organic short fibers incorporated therein, said resin composition has a melt flow rate of at least 4 as measured according to JIS K7210, said cover outer layer has a Shore D hardness of at least 55 and is harder than said cover inner layer, and said cover outer layer has a gage of up to 1.4 mm.

7. (new): A golf ball comprising a core and a multilayer cover including at least a cover inner layer and a cover outer layer, wherein said core comprises an organosulfur

compound or organosulfur compounds and has a hardness corresponding to a compressive deflection amount of at least 3.5 mm when the load applied thereto is increased from an initial load of 10 kgf to a final load of 130 kgf, said cover outer layer is made of a resin composition having organic short fibers incorporated therein, said resin composition has a melt flow rate of at least 4 as measured according to JIS K7210, said cover outer layer has a Shore D hardness of at least 55 and is harder than said cover inner layer, and said cover outer layer has a gage of up to 1.4 mm.

8. (new): The golf ball of claim 6, wherein said core contains an organosulfur compound or organosulfur compounds.

9. (new): The golf ball of claim 6, wherein the melt flow rate of said resin composition is at least 4.5.

10. (new): The golf ball of claim 7, wherein the melt flow rate of said resin composition is at least 4.5.